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Court of Appeal Declares June as Mediation Awareness Month

Los Angeles—The Court of Appeal, Second Appellate District, has set aside the month of June to acknowledge the important role that mediators play in speeding the case resolution process and reducing the costs to litigants, Administrative Presiding Justice Roger W. Boren announced today.

In recognition of mediation, the court will hold the following events:

- **June 1–3, 2006:** Intensive, advanced mediation training to be held for experienced mediators at the Court of Appeal, Second Appellate District, 300 South Spring Street, Los Angeles.
- **June 21, 2006:** Open house for the court's Mediation Program from 1 to 5 p.m. in the court's conference center at 300 South Spring Street, 2nd Floor, North Tower, for the public and mediation program participants.
- **June 22–23, 2006:** Refresher courses at the Los Angeles County Bar Association, Lexus-Nexus Conference Center, 281 South Figueroa Street, Los Angeles, aimed at providing more educational opportunities for its panel of mediators.

The court established the Settlement and Mediation Program in January 1996. Since its inception, the program's panel members, including more than 200 retired jurists, appellate specialists, and professional mediators, have volunteered their services in over 2,200 cases.

Applications for the advanced mediation training on June 1-3 are currently being accepted from experienced mediators interested in serving the court. Those interested should contact Theresa Carter, Mediation Coordinator, Court of Appeal, Second Appellate District, at 213-830-7136, or by email at theresa.carter-mata@jud.ca.gov.

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